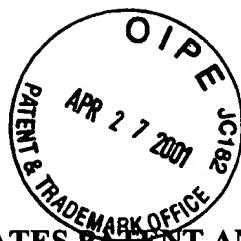


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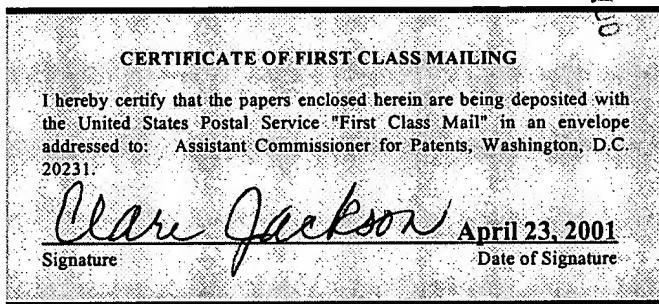
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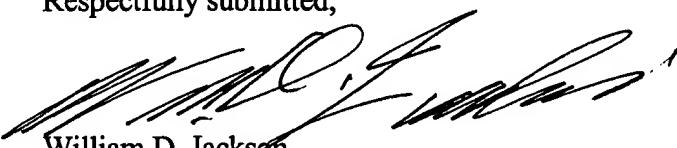
REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Appellants hereby respectfully request an oral hearing of the Appeal in this application.

Appellants state that this Request is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.194(b), said Request being mailed within two months from the mailing date (February 23, 2001) of the Examiner's Answer.

A check in the amount of \$270.00 is enclosed to cover the fee in connection with this Request. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-1781 for any additional fee which may be required in connection with this communication.

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